

The Planetary Lead-up to Dec 21 2012 – Focusing on Saturn’s entry into Scorpio on Oct 5th 2012 at 8.35pm GMT

Oct 2012 – The search for Truth – ‘It is by going down into the abyss that we recover the treasures of life’ - Joseph Campbell



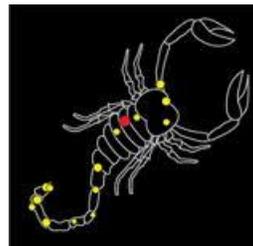
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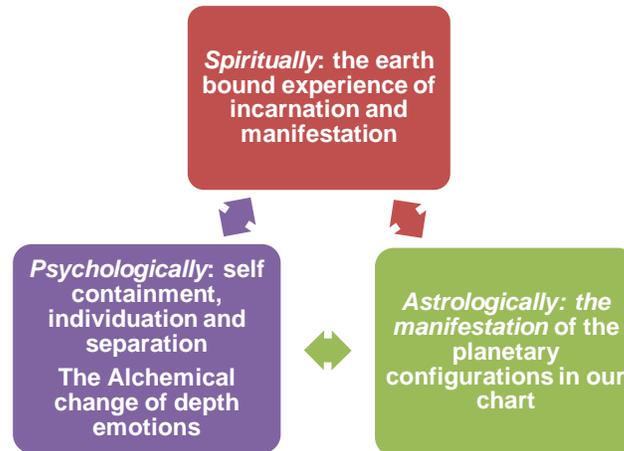
Through a greater understanding of the planetary deities which are active in the sky and the themes they are likely to illuminate in our individual birth chart and the greater collective, we can more easily make clearer choices as to how we might co-create with these energies, in ways that are most aligned with our soul journey.

Planetary wise: On Oct 5th Saturn/Kronos - the earthy god of incarnation and manifestation, moves from Airy Libra into the Watery sign of Scorpio, where it remains in mutual reception to Pluto in Capricorn, for the next 2 ½ years, reinforcing the theme of engaging with authenticity. On October 10th it also forms the first of three exact trines to watery Neptune/Dionysus in Piscesⁱ encouraging the manifestation and transformation of our spiritual selves. Mercury/Hermes also takes the leap into Scorpio a few hours ahead of Saturn (10.32am GMT) on the 5th, where it remains for the next three weeks, inviting us to consciously communicate in a soulful manner.



In fact from October 5th to October 7th, Mercury, Mars, the North Node and Saturn will all be in Scorpio, in close alignment to Neptune/Chiron in Pisces and to Venus in Virgo – this offers us a valuable opportunity to align our values and our actions as fully as possible with our soul self.

Some Meanings for Saturn in Scorpio trine Neptune/Chiron in Pisces:



Mythologically: In Greek mythology Saturn/Kronos was the son of the Promethean sky god Ouranos/Uranus. Repelled by the earthly imperfections of his children, Ouranos banished them to Tartaros. With the help of a sickle given to him by his mother Gaia/mother earth, Kronos castrated his father and took over the throne, ruling the ‘golden age’ where there was peace and abundance based on the cycles of nature. However, following a prediction that his offspring would overthrow him, Kronos swallowed them. In desperation his sister/wife Rhea substituted a stone for their youngest son Jupiter/Zeus and hid him elsewhere. Zeus later saved his siblings by giving his father a potion to make him regurgitate them.

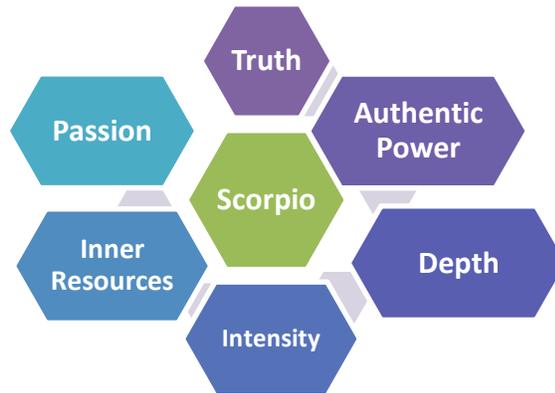


Hence, within Saturn, we encounter the necessity to integrate the archetype of ‘father’, in order to separate and individuate from the ‘nest’ of our birth family. This process involves encountering the perceived duality of the archetype of the devouring fearful limiting human father, versus the nurturing peacekeeping divine father. In finding a place of integration for both of these archetypes, we go through a rebirth and incarnation of our spirit self, in the earth realms.

Some associations with Saturn:



Some associations with Scorpio:



Some interesting highlights from the last transit of Saturn in Scorpio: late '82 - '85

- 1984: the reality of children starving en masse in Ethiopia in particular, despite abundance in the western world, (including butter mountains in Europe!), was highlighted by spokesperson Bob Geldof. As befits Saturn in Scorpio – something powerful was made manifest through ‘Live aid,’ offering each of us a way to feel we could contribute, in a concrete manner, to the previously hidden horrors which now surfaced on our screens.
- HIV was also identified during this time, bringing to the surface previously repressed collective homophobia, as well as immense heartfelt support and kindness from all sectors of society.

Key individual and collective themes which are likely to be awakened by Saturn in Scorpio trine Neptune in Pisces:





On a personal level:

The above themes are more likely to resonate with you at this time if the Sun, Moon or angles in your birth chart are between 0° - 11° *Scorpio, Taurus, Leo or Aquarius*.

This transit is also particularly relevant for you if you were born between Dec '82 – Dec '83 (age 29/30) as it will coincide with your first Saturn Return, which is a key life transition point. Erin Sullivan aptly describes this phase as 'separating from the parental mould'.ⁱⁱ This is the phase of Kronos usurping his birth father to take over the role of father.

It will also be very relevant to you if you were born between end Oct 1953 – Jan 1956 as it will coincide with your second Saturn Return. This phase is more concerned with Kronos as the wise and benign ruler of the golden age.

Collectively:

In ancient times the birth chart of the 'chief' was believed to represent the country as a whole. If we were to apply that symbolism to the USA and Ireland we would notice that Tr Saturn in Scorpio will form the apex of a T-square to President Obama's Mercury/Jupiter opposition as well as a trine to his Venus, as it approaches a conjunction to his natal Neptune. With Saturn just crossing the threshold into his 9th house of learning and philosophy, this could be interpreted as an ideal time to integrate and express his individual voice and that of the USA on behalf of collective justice and integrity. As Mahatma Gandhi pointed out 'Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth.'

In Ireland we notice that Tr Saturn will oppose Enda Kenny's Sun, Mercury and Mars with Neptune trining them over the next few months. This could be interpreted as a powerful time for the leader and the country to work hard to manifest, express and take action based on its authentic values, whilst letting go of anything that is no longer needed. In terms of the EU this is a particularly important time when dreams are challenged. One of the core issues is - can the dreams be made concrete? Can the values regarding unity, which lie at the core of the original EEC, be materialized, particularly when this transit is occurring within the wider context of the ongoing Uranus/Pluto square in the sky? (Feel free to peruse my previous article on the Uranus/Pluto square at <http://www.astrologypsychological.com/page35.htm>)

Some suggestions to help us co-create with Saturn in Scorpio:

1. This is a time to be ruthlessly honest with yourself in all areas of your life, particularly in the area of life affected by the Saturn Transit, as outlined by the natal house Saturn is transiting through. It is helpful to always refer back to the position of your natal Saturn as this is his home in your chart!
2. Shine a light into any darkness – in mythology Hercules held the head of the Hydra to the light and only the jewel remained– when we shine a light, darkness becomes light.



3. Engage with your passion – seek ways to experience it on all levels and to bring it into manifestation.



4. Remember to play, laugh and rest amidst the busyness and intensity of the energies around us.

This is the perfect time to lay a new foundation in all areas of our individual and collective lives, founded on honesty, integrity and passion which will be the key to a way of being based on unconditional love. I leave you with the wise words of Miguel Angel Ruiz *'Be Impeccable with Your Word. Speak with integrity. Say only what you mean. Avoid using the word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others. Use the power of your word in the direction of truth and love'*.

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ⁱ It is also within orb of a trine to Chiron. Saturn will remain within orb of Neptune until September 2013 and in orb of Chiron until Oct 2014

ⁱⁱ I have described this in more detail on the detailed article on my website on the entry of Saturn into Scorpio at www.astrologypsychological.com under free articles